

OPINION 1289

MESOPLODON GERVAIS, 1850 (MAMMALIA, CETACEA);
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Nodus* Wagler, 1830, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Mesoplodon* Gervais, 1850 (gender: masculine), type species, by original designation, *Delphinus sowerbiensis* Blainville, 1817, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2228.

(3) The specific name *bidens* Sowerby, 1804, as published in the binomen *Physeter bidens* (the valid name, at the time of this ruling, of the type species of *Mesoplodon* Gervais, 1850) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2917.

(4) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Nodus* Wagler, 1830, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above (Name Number 2144);
- (b) *Micropteron* Eschricht, 1849, an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Micropterus* Wagner, 1846 (Name Number 2145);
- (c) *Mikropteron* Eschricht, 1849, an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Micropterus* Wagner, 1846 (Name Number 2146).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2081

An application for the conservation of *Mesoplodon* Gervais, 1850 was first received from Dale W. Rice (*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.*) in 1965. A second application in the same sense was received from Dr Kenneth E. Kinman (*University of Kansas*) in November 1977. A joint application by both authors was eventually sent to the printer on 9 October 1979 and published on 25 April 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 30–33. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and two mammalogical serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 12 March 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 32–33. At the close of the voting period on 12 June 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-three (23) received in the following order: Melville, Savage, Cocks, Willink, Schuster, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Holthuis, Brinck, Mroczkowski, Binder, Hahn, Corliss, Alvarado, Bayer, Uéno, Cogger, Kraus, Ride, Heppell, Lehtinen, Dupuis

Negative Votes — none (0).

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Sabrosky.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

bidens, *Physeter*, Sowerby, 1804, *Trans. linn. Soc. London*, vol. 7, p. 10

Mesoplonodon Gervais, 1850, *Ann. Sci. nat.* (3), Zool., vol. 14, p. 16

Micropteron Eschricht, 1849, *K. dansk. Vidensk. Selsk. Skr.* (5), vol. 1, p. 97

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Nodus Wagler, 1830, *Nat. Syst. Amphibien*, p. 34.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1289.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

11 July 1984